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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ICELAND

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1. THERE WAS NO PROBLEM IN HAVING MFA DEPSEC GEN HOR-
DUR HELGASON ACCEPT RESPONSE OUTLINED REFTEL PARA ONE.
HIS COMMENTS DURING OUR VERY BRIEF CONVERSATION ON
THIS MATTER JUNE 25 MADE IT EVIDENT TO ME HE WAS AWARE
OF SITUATION AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL PARA TWO.

2. I SUGGESTED TO HELGASON HE DROP THE SUBJECT SINCE
THE LOCAL MEDIA HAS NOT YET PICKED UP THE SWEDISH
ARTICLE. HELGASON AGREED BUT REMARKED IT WAS ONLY
A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE COMMUNIST DAILY NEWSPAPER
THJODVILJINN DID SO. HE ADDED THAT THE FONMIN AND OTHER
GOI OFFICIALS HAVE SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST HALF DOZEN
YEARS BEEN ASKED BY ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING
THE PRESS, WHETHER THERE WERE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ICE-
LAND AND THEIR STANDARD RESPONSE WAS TO CLEARLY IMPLY
THAT THE ANSWER WAS NEGATIVE AND THE QUESTION RIDI-
CULOUS. HE COULD NOT RECALL SEEING ANYTHING ON THE
MATTER APPEARING IN THE LOCAL PRESS, HOWEVER. HE PRO-
MISED TO ADVISE ME IF AND WHEN GOI RECEIVES A QUERY
ON THE SWEDISH ARTICLE.

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3. I EXPECT TO HAVE AN OCCASION SOON TO SEE THE PRIME

MINISTER AND WILL BRIEF HIM ON MY CONVERSATION WITH
HELGASON AND REFTEL SO AS TO FORESTALL ANY ANSWERS
BY GOI OFFICIALS THAT MIGHT BE CONTRARY TO REFTEL
PARA ONE.
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